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1. In the early morning of 12 December, approximately 4,000 North Korean troops passed a point 3 miles south of Pyongyang, carrying munitions and food supplies in 20 oxcarts. One company of Chinese Communist troops followed with an undetermined number of Soviet trucks, including three trucks loaded with drums of gasoline.
2. In the morning of 13 December, 300 North Korean engineer troops with 17 vehicles and 7 field artillery pieces (unidentified) assembled on a plateau a little more than a mile northeast of Sariwon (125-44, 38-30) and began to move northward. It was rumored that their destination would be Kyomipo (125-38, 38-44).
3. On 13 December at 3 a.m., troops and vehicles which included oxcarts were heard passing at Sariwon for about an hour. This movement was an undetermined number of Chinese Communist troops who arrived at Sariwon going toward Sinmak (126-14, 38-26) on 12 December (F-6).
4. On late 13 December, it was reported that approximately 3,000 North Korean troops and a small (undetermined) number of Chinese Communist troops were concentrated at Mount Sinbongsan (unlocated). According to a Sariwon hotel owner, the troops were waiting for supplies from the north before moving south.
5. In the early morning of 14 December, approximately 400 North Korean troops with six oxcarts who were moving south from Madong (unlocated, approximately 125-50, 38-30), were attacked by UN planes. The troops were scattered to a nearby mountainside with a small (undetermined) number of casualties and were not reconcentrated by mid-morning.
6. On 15 December, there were no Chinese or Korean troops at Sinmak, but was rumored that 30 partisans were concealed in houses there.

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